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S E C R E T JIDDA 8559

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SUBJECT:SOVIET AIRLIFT TO ETHIOPIA

REF: (A) STATE 297322 B (B) JIDDA 8307 (C) JIDDA 8176

1. DCM AND POLITICAL COUNSELOR TOOK UP MATTER OF SOVIET
AIRLIFT TO EHTIOPIA WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER FOR POLI-
TICAL AFFAIRS ABD AL-RAHMAN MANSOURI ON DECEMBER 17, MAKING
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POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL A.

2. MANSOURI SAID SAG HAD DISCUSSED WITH GOVERNMENT OF
PAKISTAN SOVIET USE OF PAKISTANI AIRSPACE FOR PLANES
CARRYING ARMS TO EITHIOPIA. GOP CONFIED THAT THREE SUCH
FLIGHTS HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED DUE TO MISUNDERSTANDING AS TO
TRUE PURPOSE OF FLIGHTS. THESE FLIGHTS HAVE NOW BEEN

STOPPED. MANSOURI SAID THAT SAG WOULD DO ITS BEST TO PERSUADE OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE AREA NOT TO PERMIT USE OF THEIR AIRSPACE FOR SOVIET AIRLIFT. HE WAS DOUBTFUL, HOWEVER, WHETHER SAUDI DEMARCHES WOULD HAVE MUCH EFFECT IN SOUTH YEMEN, SYRIA, OR IRAQ. HE SAID THAT SAG WOULD ASK THE SOMALIA GOVERNMENT TO MAKE ITS OWN DEMARCHES TO THESE THREE GOVERNMENTS.

3. MANSOURI SAID AIRLIFT MIGHT MEAN THAT EXPECTED ETHIOPIA COUNTEROFFENSIVE WOULD BEGIN SOON. WEST. UNQUOTE VANCE".

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